

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE **EXAMINING GROUP 1638** Application No. 09/896,720

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Application of SONG, et al.

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Sir:

In response to the office action mailed November 19, 2003 (hereinafter, the "Office Action"), entry of the amendments presented below and reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.